(d) if so, how Government have permitted DESU to organise the function in a 5-star hotel?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Promotions in Vayudoot

2906. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot maintains a general seniority list of manager;

(b) if so, whether the senior appointments are made strictly on the basis of merit and seniority; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the role of Director General Civil Aviation in such promotions; and

(d) whether any representation has been received in this regard, if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Director General Civil Aviation has no role to play in the promotions made in Vayudoot.

(d) No, Sir.

Retired officials of AI and IA working in Vayudoot

2907. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that some retired officials from Air India/Indian Airlines are working in Yayudoot;

(b) if so, in what capacities retired Deputy Managing Director of Air India, Mr. H.C. Kapoor and Retired Director of Indian Airlines, Shri C.S. Malhotra are working in Vayudoot; and

(c) what amount has been spent on them with regard to their salaries and other perks and what are their contributions?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Services of Shri H.C. Kapoor and Shri C.S. Malhotra are being utilised by Vayudoot Limited from time to time as consultants for specific projects. The services of Shri H.C. Kapoor are being utilised for engineering audit, reorganisation of Engineering Department and strengthening of ground infrastructure. As per the arrangements, he is paid Rs. 5,000/- per month in addition to facilities for stay and transport for the number of days spent in Vayudoot's work in Delhi. Shri C.S. Malhotra has been engaged for a period of 3 months on a consolidated amount of Rs. 50,000 plus conveyance charges, boarding and lodging at outstations for undertaking audit of the Personnel Department, re-organisation of Personnel Department, preparation of Recruitment and Promotion Rules and Delegation of Power Rules.

Coal-based Thermal Power Stations in Andhra Pradesh during Eighth Plan

2908. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the number of coal-based thermal power sta-